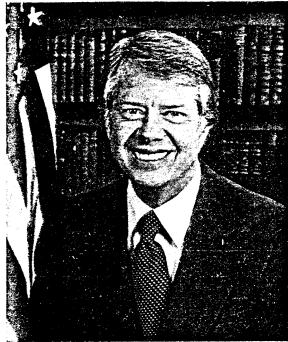
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Jimmy Carter, ranked 59th of 820 in his Annapolis class, now holds top job.

How Old School Ties Help Carter Fill Jobs

WHAT DO Stansfield Turner, A. Vernon Weaver, Robert H. McKinney and John M. Sullivan share with Jimmy Carter?

First, all are 1947 graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy. Second, all now either hold or have been named to high federal posts.

Although Carter left the Navy in 1952 with the modest rank of lieutenant, his promotion last November by the voters to Commander in Chief opened the way for presidential appointments of his fellow graduates.

Turner, the only full admiral in the class, heads the Central Intelligence Agency and is the best known of Carter's classmates.

Weaver is head of the Small Business Administration, McKinney is Carter's nominee for Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and Sullivan runs the Federal Railroad Administration.

Turner, while at Annapolis, won honors as a brigade captain, a football player and scholar. A native of Highland Park, Ill., he commanded Allied forces in Southern Europe before his CIA appointment.

Weaver, who recalls Carter as a friendly and good-humored classmate, is a native of Miami. He was president of the Union Life Insurance Company in Little Rock, Ark., before his appointment.

McKinney, from Indianapolis, has become something of a controversial appointee on grounds of possible conflicts of interest and challenges to his stand on civil rights. He is a lawyer and chairman of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Indianapolis. He was also chairman of Carter's presidential campaign in the Hoosier State last year.

Sullivan, of Jenkintown, Pa., owned a die-casting firm before coming to the nation's capital. He has political ties to Carter, too, having been a co-ordinator in the primary campaign in Pennsylvania and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Carter had no particularly close bonds with his associates in Academy days, but all alumni keep tabs on each other through an active association that numbers 20,000 members.

Did old school ties play a part in selection of Carter's four Annapolis friends?

White House talent hunters can't say "no," but they insist that this factor was secondary to their genuine qualifications and early political support of their old classmate.





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